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AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite Claim 1 in amended form as follows:

1. (Amended) A method treating virus-induced and inflammatory diseases of skin and membranes in humans or animals, comprising topical application of a composition consisting of one or more of the aliphatic alcohols docosanol, tetracosanol and hexacosanol in a concentration of from 0.1 to 25 percent by weight in a physiologically compatible carrier to the inflamed skin or membrane of the patient to be treated.

Please add the following new claim:

The method of Claim 1 wherein said alcohols are in a concentration of from about 1 to about 5 percent.

Please add an abstract as follows:

INFLAMMATORY DISEASE TREATMENT

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method treating virus-induced and inflammatory diseases of skin and membranes in humans or animals, comprising application of a composition consisting of one or more of the aliphatic alcohols docosanol, tetracosanol and hexacosanol in a physiologically compatible carrier is disclosed.